

MOBILE AND PENSACOLA PARTIALLY WRECKED IN GREAT HURRICANE; MANY SMALL TOWNS REPORTED DESTROYED; BELIEVED NOW THAT HUNDREDS HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES

MARINES LAND IN CUBAN CAPITAL; TAFT IN CONTROL

Formal Intervention In Island Republic Will Occur To-Day.

GOVERNMENT HAS REACHED ITS END

Secretary of War Will Proclaim Himself Military Governor This Morning, When Additional Force of Americans Will Be Landed

HAVANA, September 28.—American intervention in Cuba will be an accomplished fact to-morrow.

Twenty-five United States marines were landed here to-night to guard the treasury building. There will be no further landing to-night, but Secretary Taft's proclamation creating himself provisional military governor of Cuba will be issued to-morrow.

A further force of Americans will be landed to-morrow. To-night the city is policed by rural guards.

General Rodriguez, commander of the rural guards, is co-operating with Secretary Taft.

Have Waited Patiently.

President Roosevelt's peace commission, although clothed with the fullest authority from him to take such action as he might deem proper, has waited patiently for the government to take the initiative in the intervention. The commission, which was organized on September 15, has waited for the government to take the initiative in the intervention. The commission, which was organized on September 15, has waited for the government to take the initiative in the intervention.

As was expected, there has been considerable excitement in the city since the arrival of the marines. The marines, who are now in the city, are being well received by the people. The marines, who are now in the city, are being well received by the people.

Session of Congress.

The joint session of the Congress called to consider the resignation of President Palma assembled at 3:30 P. M. in the House of Representatives. The session was held in the House of Representatives.

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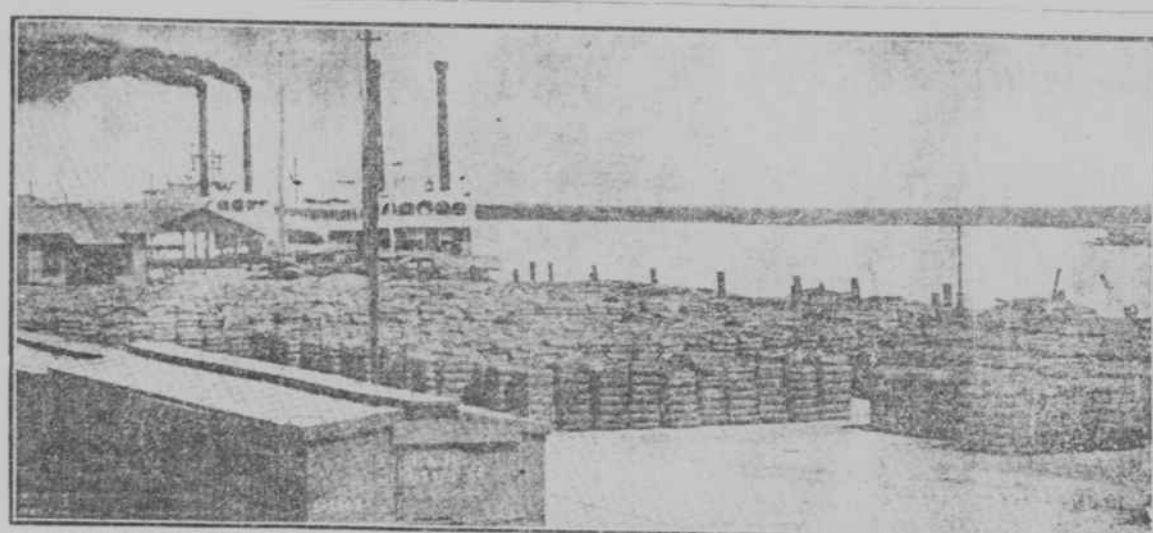
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Palma Firm. All the Moderate and Liberal National Senators and Representatives went direct to the palace, and the scene enacted in President Palma's private office was not without its sadness.

After the object of the errand had been stated, President Palma replied, dejectedly, that it was impossible for him to continue as president of a nation whose people evidently had become out of accord and sympathy with him and his government. Neither could he continue as

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COTTON WHARF, MOBILE

BIGAMY CHARGED AGAINST WELLS

Steeple Painter Alleged by Police to be Living Double Life.

ONE HOME OVER HERE ONE IN MANCHESTER

Divided Time Between the Two. Neither Woman Who Claims to Be His Lawful Wife Suspected Duplicité on His Part. Not Talk.

W. "Red" Wells, a painter, who makes a specialty of painting steeples, is a resident of the Second Police Station, charged with bigamy. He is alleged to have one wife in Manchester and another in Mobile.

Wells was arrested by Captain Tomlinson and Police Sergeant Thompson yesterday afternoon at the police station, where he was at work. The warrant served on him charged him with committing bigamy by marrying Miss Gertrude Mitchell while his first wife was living.

Wells, according to the story told by the Times-Dispatch last night, married his first wife, whose maiden name was Rebecca Adams Robinson, in Sharpsburg, N. C., her home, in 1891. The second wife, whose maiden name was Gertrude Mitchell, he is alleged to have married in September, four years ago, at a boarding house, opposite the Main Street railway station.

Wells's name is in the city directory twice with his residence given in one instance as 125 Chalmers Street, Richmond, and in the other as 25 1/2 Ninth Street, Manchester. His occupation, in both instances, is given as a painter. The directory, according to the police, tells a story in itself, showing apparently he is maintaining two homes.

That a man can continue this mode of life for four years without detection shows that a district line must have been carefully drawn.

Mrs. Wells No. 1 is the mother of two boys, eleven and twelve years old. Mrs. Wells No. 2 is also the mother of two children, a boy three years old and a girl baby seven months old.

Innocent No. 1.

The first Mrs. Wells had the following to say last night: "My husband is innocent of the charge of having two wives. I am the only wife that he has. We were married May 1, 1891, in Sharpsburg, N. C., by D. L. Lancaster, a justice of the peace. Mr. Lancaster is now dead, but I can prove that we were married there. Here are our two children—pointing to a boy eleven years old and another younger thirteen years of age. They can't make me go to court and I won't go. 'Pa' has been arrested because the people who have a grudge against him told the police something."

Mrs. Wells No. 1 is forty-six years old, and is devoted to her husband. She says he is not married to any woman in Richmond, and that he will be able to establish this fact.

Mrs. Wells No. 2 was seen after 10 o'clock last night, and the information she gave was interesting. She told of her marriage and of her moving to Richmond afterwards. Some six years ago she lived, she said, over the store of Mr. Ernest Perkins, in Fairmount, Richmond. Mrs. Perkins often told her that she ought to watch her husband.

"I always told her that reports were not true, for I did not want to hear them. I love 'Pa,' and I don't believe he loves

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Gulf Storm Has Spent Its Force.

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 28.—The Gulf storm is now central over the lower Ohio Valley, moving northeastward. It is diminished greatly in strength and now presents no alarming features, although it will probably be attended by brisk to high winds and rain in its passage across the Great Lakes.

Rain has fallen east of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio River, also in Indiana, Eastern Iowa, Missouri and Southern Wisconsin.

Havoc Wrought by Storm Almost Equals Memorable Galveston Disaster at Many Places.

HOMELESS PEOPLE IN MOBILE ARE NOW FACING STARVATION

City Placed Under Control of Militia, and Population Kept Off Streets—Thieves in Pensacola Rob Unprotected Homes.

MORE complete reports from the storm-swept region of the South indicate that the hurricane was one of the most disastrous in the history of the country, partially wrecking two large cities, destroying innumerable small towns, flooding others, hurling hundreds of ships in ruins upon the seashore and causing great loss of life in many places.

From five to fifty persons were killed and hundreds injured in Mobile. The property loss here was \$3,000,000. Five thousand houses were damaged. The business quarter was devastated. Several ships, with their crews, including a government revenue cutter, sank in the harbor. Every church in the city was injured, some of them suffering heavily. Wharves are wrecks and all business is suspended. Provisions are exhausted and great distress is feared. The city has been placed in control of the militia.

Reports from other places are more meagre. Towns along the Mobile and Bay Shore Road suffered disastrously. Heavy loss of life here is found. The Gulf Coast towns from New Orleans to Mobile escaped with comparatively slight damage and little, if any, loss of life. The Mississippi delta was flooded and hundreds of fishermen were driven from their homes into luggers, several of which sank. Property damage along the lower river was widespread, but loss of life small. Crops suffered disastrously everywhere and immense stores of provisions in the large cities were utterly ruined and in some cases swept to sea.

Pensacola, where the damage is estimated at \$5,000,000, presents a wrecked appearance after the hurricane, which is declared to have almost equaled the Galveston storm at this point. The loss of life among the mariners was heavy. While the gale was at its height fire broke out in the city. Thieves are robbing unprotected homes. Hundreds of buildings have been destroyed. The harbor is strewn with wrecks of great ships. Heavy iron vessels were hurled through houses a block from the water front. The city is without electric lights, cars or telephone or telephone service.

CITY DEVASTATED; MANY LIVES REPORTED LOST IN BIG FLOOD

MOBILE, ALA., via MEMPHIS, MISS., September 28.—A loss of life which is estimated at fifty persons, many persons injured, 5,000 houses damaged, the business quarter devastated, and a property loss of fully \$3,000,000—this is the effect of the tropical hurricane during the last forty-eight hours in the city of Mobile.

The storm struck Mobile Wednesday at midnight, and raged for many hours, the wind reaching a velocity of ninety miles an hour. Water from Mobile Bay was blown into the city by the gale and for a time stood seven feet deep in the streets. A large number of houses were blown down. The loss of life is believed to be mainly among negroes, although colored persons were also killed. Information is indefinite. Shipwrecks suffered severely. The storm struck Mobile Wednesday at midnight, and raged for many hours, the wind reaching a velocity of ninety miles an hour.

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Militia in Control.

Mobile has been placed under control of the militia. Nobody is permitted on the streets, except newspaper men and police. The streets are patrolled by the militia. The streets are patrolled by the militia. The streets are patrolled by the militia.

Reverend church in Mobile was damaged. The church, which is a large and beautiful building, was severely damaged. The church, which is a large and beautiful building, was severely damaged. The church, which is a large and beautiful building, was severely damaged.

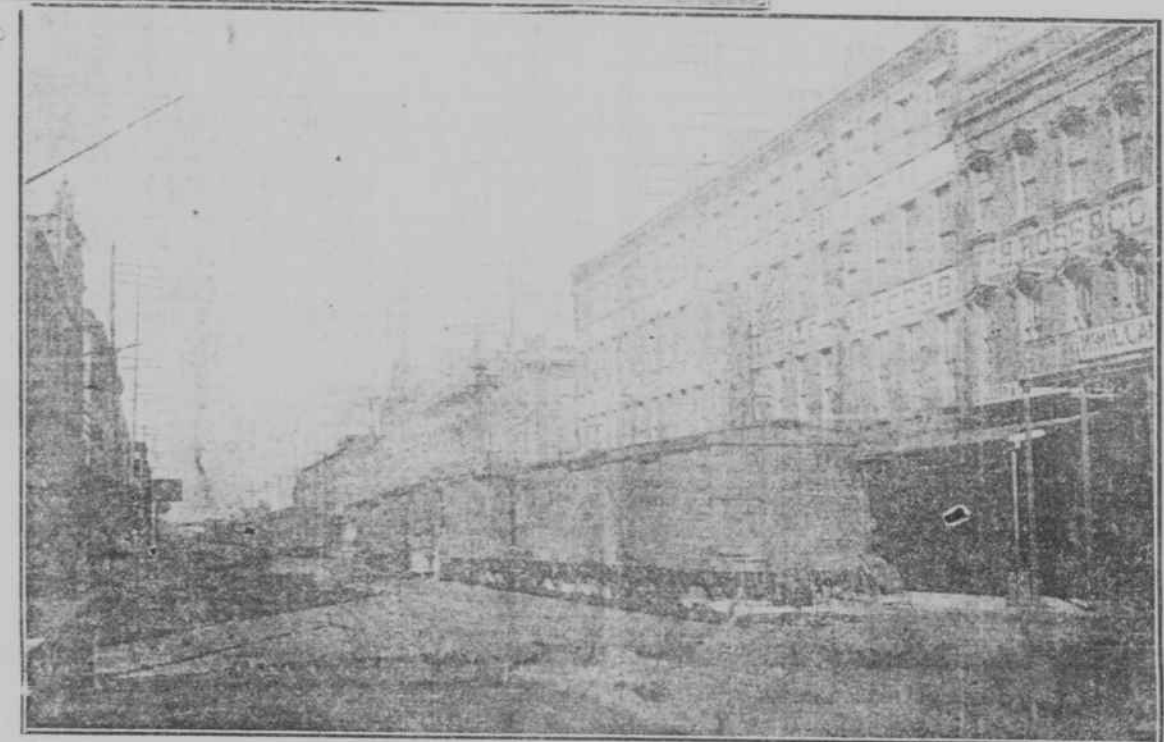
The revenue cutter Alert was rammed by an unknown vessel in Mobile Bay and sunk immediately. Her crew is believed to have been rescued.

All wharves from Franklin Street, the extreme south end of the city, as far as the river as Three Mile Creek, are wrecks. This includes the new Mobile and Ohio docks and the Louisville and Nashville docks.

Telegraphic communication is paralyzed, with no prospect of wires for several days.

Electric light companies, street railways and, in fact, all business has been suspended.

The Mobile and Ohio Railroad was the



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE TRACKS.

PARTY LEADERS IN CONFERENCE

State Democratic Committeemen Made Reports on Situation in State.

OUTLOOK BRIGHT IN NINTH

Active, Systematic Canvass of District Being Made in Behalf of Mr. Bruce.

The meeting of the Democratic State Central and Executive Committees at the Hotel last night was in the nature of a conference of party leaders, held for the purpose of ascertaining the situation in the contested districts and prosecuting the campaign with vigor wherever it was deemed necessary. Chief interest, of course, centered in the situation in the Ninth District, where Hon. Robert P. Bruce is waging an aggressive campaign against Colonel Campbell Ellyson, the Republican incumbent.

The information elicited as to the party outlook in the district was entirely satisfactory and indicated that the contest will be a close one with an excellent prospect of a Democratic victory.

Among those present at the meeting were Governor Swann, Congressman John Lamb, ex-Congressman Francis Jones, ex-Congressman John S. Gordon, ex-Congressman Captain T. C. Morton, of Staunton, and other out of town Democrats.

The committee was called to order by State Chairman Ellyson about 8:30 o'clock, with Mr. J. N. Breneman, acting secretary.

As soon as the committee had been called to order Mr. Ellyson called attention to vacancies existing in the several districts, owing to death or resignation. Mr. Wallace, of the First District Committee, has died since the last meeting of the committee, and Hon. Claggett H. Jones, elected to the bench, has resigned.

Mr. T. J. Downing explained that the changes in the district lines by reason of the transfer of the peninsula counties from the Second to the First District had thrown Mr. J. M. Curtis, of the old Second District Committee, into the First, and he had since been asked to act with the First District Committee, and had done so. As the other vacancy in the district, Mr. Downing, being the only man present from the district, was unwilling to make a recommendation, and asked that the matter of choosing a successor be passed by. The selection of Mr. Curtis was approved, and the matter of filling the other vacancy was passed by.

Selection Approved.

The selection by the Second District

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PLOT TO MURDER CZAR UNCOVERED

Two Armed Terrorists Found Living Within Enclosure of the Alexandra Palace.

PLANNED TO SHOOT EMPEROR

General Campaign of Arrests Begun to Prevent Reign of Terror in Capital.

ST. PETERSBURG, September 28.—An ill-planned plot against the life of the Emperor and one with all the chances of success on its side, was discovered today by the arrest of two armed terrorists, a man and a woman, in the quarters of one of the palace servants, within the enclosure of the Alexandra Palace, Peterhof. His Majesty's residence, the Grand Palace, is situated on the coast, and the two women were found in the quarters of a palace servant, who was named Kipuloff, who was concerned in smuggling the terrorists through the palace walls, and arranging their hiding place, were arrested for being implicated in the plot.

Emperor Nicholas had been expected to return to Peterhof this week, and it is believed that the terrorists intended to lay in wait and seize a favorable opportunity to shoot him while he was promenading or playing with his children in the palace grounds.

The ramifications of the conspiracy in which arrests have been reported almost daily since September 14th, when a lady and several other persons were arrested, are extensive and may possibly include two or more subdivisions, one directed against the Emperor, and the other against Grand Duke Nicholas.

In arrests of these luckless exploiters the manner in which threatening letters were introduced into the apartments of the Emperor and other members of the imperial family.

A general roundup of arrests and demolitions was inaugurated in the city yesterday, and it is not considered that the Peterhof plot, but is an outcome of the recent arrival here of a group of Polish revolutionaries who came to give their St. Petersburg comrades the benefit of their experience in Warsaw for the organization of a reign of terror in the capital.

STEEL CORPORATION GETS HILL ORE LANDS

NEW YORK, September 28.—Interests representing the United States Steel Corporation and the Hill Iron ore property in the Northwest had an important conference here today, and from trustworthy sources it was learned that an agreement concerning this much discussed deal has finally been reached.

Formal announcement giving the terms of the transfer of the ore land to the steel corporation will soon be made.

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